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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 20, Kennebec River and Tributaries: This notice reclassifies Mill Pond (Phippsburg) and Outer Mill Pond (Phippsburg) from Prohibited and Restricted to Conditionally Approved on river discharge due to water quality meeting approved standards and an updated shoreline survey. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

- A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:
1. The Kennebec River and Tributaries: north of a line beginning at the south tip of Hockomock Point (Woolwich) running southeast to the north tip of Flying Point (Georgetown);
 2. Drummors Bay: north of a line beginning at the eastern end of Stony Brook Road (Phippsburg), running east to a red painted post on the western shore of Lee Island
 3. The Kennebec River: north of a line beginning at the south tip of Lee Island running southeast to the northern tip of Squirrel Point (Arrowsic)
 4. Back River: east of a line beginning at a red painted post on the northeastern tip of Bald Head (Arrowsic) running south to a red painted post on shore at Rotunda Hill (West Georgetown).
 5. ~~Mill Pond (Phippsburg): west of a line beginning at the northernmost tip of Eagret Point and running north to the opposite shore.~~
 5. ~~6.~~ The lower Kennebec River: south of a line beginning at the ice breaker pilings in Georgetown running due west to a red painted post on Long Island AND west of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Bay Point (Georgetown) running south to the "5A" spindle at Jack Rock AND north of a line from the "5A" spindle running northwest to the east tip of Hunniwell Point (Phippsburg) AND east of a line beginning at Hunniwell Point (Phippsburg) running northeast to the south tip of Long Island.
 6. ~~7.~~ Wood Island: within 500 feet of the eastern shore, from the north tip of the island to the south tip of the island.
- ~~B. Effective immediately, because of non-point source pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of Outer Mill Pond (Phippsburg) north of a line beginning at the southwestern most tip of Parker Head then running west to the opposite shore; AND east of a line starting at the northern tip of Eagret Point and running north to the opposite shore. The following area is classified Restricted and requires a special MDMR permit~~

C. Effective immediately, due to intermittent seasonal pollution the shore, flats and waters of the following areas are classified as Conditionally Approved and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels when river discharge meets or exceeds 30,000 cfs between October 1st and December 31st; when river discharge meets or exceeds 60,000 cfs between January 1st and April 30th and when river discharge meets or exceeds 40,000 cfs between May 1st and September 30th. **Please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html> for open/closed status:**

1. Upper Kennebec River (Phippsburg and Georgetown): south of a line beginning at the eastern end of Stony Brook Road (Phippsburg), running east to a red painted post on the western shore of Lee Island; AND west of a line beginning at the south tip of Lee Island running southeast to the northern tip of Squirrel Point (Arrowsic); AND west of a line beginning at a red painted post on the northeastern tip of Bald Head (Arrowsic) running south to a red painted post on the shore at Rotunda Hill (West Georgetown); ~~AND south and east of a line beginning at the southwestern most tip of Parker Head then running west to the opposite shore;~~ AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of land on Cox Head (Phippsburg) running east to the opposite shore of Long Island (Georgetown); AND north of a line beginning at the ice breaker pilings in Georgetown, then running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore of Long Island (Georgetown).
2. Lower Kennebec River (Phippsburg and Georgetown): south of a line beginning at the southern tip of land on Cox Head (Phippsburg) running east to the opposite shore of Long Island (Georgetown); AND north and west of a line beginning at the southern tip of Long Island (Georgetown) then running southwest to the east tip of Hunniwell Point (Phippsburg).
3. Heal Eddy (Georgetown), north of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Bay Point (Georgetown) then running southeast to the northern tip of Stage Island (Georgetown).

D. Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution, the following area is classified as Conditionally Approved and shall be closed when river discharge meets or exceeds 60,000 cubic feet per second: the shores, flats and waters of Sagadahoc Bay (Georgetown), north of a line beginning at the northern most tip of Stage Island (Georgetown), then running east to the south tip of Indian Point (Georgetown). **Please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html> for open/closed status:**

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or kohl.kanwit@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,



Kohl Kanwit
Commissioner's Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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Maine Department of Marine Resources



Pollution Area No. 20

Kennebec River and Tributaries

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